

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 16 at 5:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Mark Spears, Dave Moreau, Noreen Ma, Kevin Smith, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sara Hart

Meeting began at 5:10pm

Old Home Day Event:

Noreen Ma and Holly Mansfield proposed the idea of hosting a “kick off” event for Old Home Day on Friday, June 29th. The event is a Family Movie Night on Spalding Field. The cost for the movie screen is \$600 and the cost to obtain the licensing to show the film is \$300.

Mark mentioned the possible need for a police detail. Holly will contact the Police Chief and discuss the event with him to determine if a police detail is needed.

Mark made the motion to approve \$1050 of the excess funds from the revolving account to fund the Movie Night for Old Home Day. Kevin Smith seconded the vote. All in favor-Yes.

Field Maintenance Contract:

Holly talked with Priscilla and Tim about renewing the field maintenance contract with Dan Moseley. The current contract is awarded through June 30, 2012 with the option to extend the contract for two years. The Recreation Commission would need to make a recommendation to Tim and the BOS to extend the contract.

Mark is concerned about the hole in center field on the baseball diamond at BD. Mark has left several messages for Dan regarding this issue. However, Dan has not returned his phone calls. Mark believes that Dan needs to be put on notice that he is not complying with the contract and could potentially be disqualified for this section of the field maintenance contract.

Mark is also concerned about the continued support from CCYB. The current conditions of the fields are not great and CCYB may no longer provide support funds for various field maintenance issues.

Rick agrees that we need to talk to Dan regarding the condition of the fields and will make the effort to contact Dan and discuss the issues.

This topic will be discussed further at the June 12th meeting.

Other:

Banta Davis Task Force:

This item is scheduled for the next BOS meeting. Rick does plan to attend to voice our concerns regarding this project.

This housing project is moving forward at a fast pace. The next step for the BD Task Force Committee is to get approval from the School Committee to release the fields. When this happens the project can be presented at the fall Town Meeting.

Mark suggested that the Recreation Commission send a Memo to the Board of Selectman and a Letter to the Editor stating that the Recreation Commission has a strong objection to the BD housing project due to the proximity of the playing fields.

The project is going impact the entire playing area at Banta Davis. There is also a common feel that once the residents are settled in the new units, restrictions on field use could be implemented on recreation.

Noreen stated that we need to explain to the residents the full plan for the area. Residents need to be informed of the overall impact of this project prior to the fall town meeting. This housing project is being played down by the BD Committee. The BD Committee is stating that the fields will not be impacted by this project. However, the width of the road is a concern as well as the statement in the report for proposed 5.6 acres plus anything else needed for construction sites. Once the residents become aware of the actual project, they are the ones to vote this project down at Town Meeting. Rick will attend the next BOS meeting. Mark believes the memo should be presented prior to the meeting. Rick will draft a letter and email it to the board for review.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00pm. Please provide any ideas for the agenda. Currently on the agenda we have the following:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from 4/23/12 and 5/16/12 Meetings
- 2) Five Year Plan
- 3) Field Maintenance Contract Renewal and Bill Process
- 4) Banta Davis Update
- 5) Diment Park Maintenance Plan
- 6) School Playground Structures
- 7) Outdoor Basketball Court at BD
- 8) Luge Event on Church Street

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm